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SUBJ:LOS, COMITE I PROCEEDING AM, 22 OCT

1. COMITE I CONSIDERATION OF LOS ITEM OPENED 22 OCT WITH VENEZUELAN INVITATION TO HOST 1974 LOS CONF. INVITATION HAS ENDORSEMENT OF LA GROUP, AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY GOVTS, AF GROUP.

2. GHANA, IRAN, AND YUGOSLAVIA EACH MADE SHORT STATEMENT URGING TEN-WEEK SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF LOS CONF IN 1974, ALL STATES PARTICIPATION AND EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE WIDEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT BEFORE VOTING. AUSTRIA PERMREP ANNOUNCED "IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM VARIOUS DELS" THAT VIENNA COULD HOST CONF FROM 4 JUNE TO 10 SEPT 1974 BUT WELCOMES VENEZUELAN INVITATION. GOA "JOINS FORCES" WITH GOV TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR LOS CONFS AND GOA ALREADY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO HOST TEN-OR TWELVE-WEEK SESSION IN SPRING/SUMMER 1975. AUSTRIA REQUESTS THEIR INVITATION BE INCLUDED IN CURRENT RES AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR.

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3. PRC (LING CHING) SAID LOS CONF WOULD TAKE PLACE AT TIME WHEN "THIRD WORLD" PLAYING INCREASING ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. COMPOSITION OF OFFICERS OF CONF, FORMULATION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, SCOPE OF INVITATIONS AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN WORLD SITUATION. PRC ATTACKED CERTAIN SUPER-POER (READ SOVS) WHICH, UNDER GUISE OF CONSENSUS, WOULD INSIST NEW LOS WOULD HAVE INTERNATIONAL OBSERVANCE ONLY IF SUPPORTED BY ALL COUNTRIES. THIS, HE SAID, WAS TANTAMOUNT TO VETO. PRC FAVORS ORGANIZATIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS AS SCHEDULED. PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE WIDE AS POSSIBLE BUT CONCRETE STUDY SHOULD BE MADE OF "CERTAIN SPECIAL COMPLICATED CASES SO THAT REASONABLE SETTLEMENT COULD BE SOUTHT." CONF SHOULD RESPECT GA RES 2758(XXVI) AND TAIWAN SHOULD NOT BE INVITED. SIHANOUK GOVT SHOULD BE INVITED AND "LON NOL CLIQUE" AHD NO QUALIFICATION TO REPRESENT CAMBODIA. PRC ALSO SUPPORTS INVITATION TO GUINEA (B). (COMMENT: LING CHING MADE NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO EITHER PRG OR NORTH VIETNAM).

4. ETHIOPIA (MAHMOUD) URGED WIDEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS BEFORE LOS CONF TO INSURE GOOD BEGINNING. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS BUT NORMAL VOTING RULES SHOULD APPLY. ICELAND URGED CONF WITHOUT DELAY. ZAMBIA (MHLANGA) DECLARED MORATORIUM ON EXPLOITATION WAS BEING VIOLATED AND INTERNATIONAL REGIME AND MACHINERY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED EARLY. RULES SHOULD ENCOURAGE CONSENSUS TO INSURE GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY. GUINEA (B) SHOULD BE INVITED AND NAMIBIA SHOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED BY RACIST REGIME.

5. TUNISIA (KEDADI) URGED CONF AS SCHEDULED AND STRESSED NECESSITY OF CREATING EFFECTIVE NUCLEUS OF SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL AROUND WHICH WOULD BE CREATED PERMANENT SECRETARIAT EVOLVING FROM LOS CONVENTION. CONSENSUS SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND VOTE ONLY AS LAST RESORT.

6. FRG DELOFF (EMTTERNICH) STATED CONF SHOULD BEGIN WORK ON SUBSTANCE FOR VERY REASONS SBC COULD NOT COMPLETE PREPARATORY WORK. FRG SEEKS LOS TREATY THAT WILL BE UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE AND THIS NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH DEFEAT OF ANY GROUP. CONSENSUS, BUT NOT UNANIMITY, SHOULD BE SOUGHT.
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